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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Continuation Of:

Applicants: Paul G. Ahlquist, et al.
Serial No.: 09/760,040
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For: YEAST GENES THAT AFFECT VIRAL
REPLICATION
Group Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: S. Chen

Commissioner For Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case,
Applicants respectfully request that the following
amendments be entered.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 20.

Applicants intend for the above-identified
continuation application to be drawn to methods of
evaluating a substance as an antiviral therapy, claims 21
- 30.

Respectfully submitted,

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